

According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending September 1, 2002**. Decreased rainfall has aided in harvesting progress. Cotton defoliation has begun in several counties. Soil moisture was rated 4 percent very short, 28 percent short, and 68 percent adequate.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	2001	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Mature	97	87	86	92	0	3	16	55	26
	Harvested	49	28	36	59					
	Silage Harvested	95	90	95	90					
Cotton	Open Bolls	62	40	51	62	0	2	12	57	29
Rice	Mature	66	45	63	46	0	2	10	56	32
	Harvested	10	2	13	13					
Sorghum	Turning Color	100	99	100	97	0	2	5	54	39
	Mature	91	68	88	83					
	Harvested	37	15	50	47					
	Silage Harvested	55	45	69	62					
Soybeans	Turning Color	52	43	59	57	0	4	16	52	28
	Shedding Leaves	37	28	44	39					
	Harvested	15	8	11	11					
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	5	4	14	13	1	3	19	76	1
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	88	86	82	84	2	7	23	45	23
Cattle						0	7	20	61	12
Pasture						2	7	25	52	14

County Agent Comments

“Insect pressure continues in cotton and soybeans. Most cotton, milo, rice and early soybeans producers would be happy if it did not rain anymore, however, Group V soybeans need a couple more rains to deliver top yields.”

— Mack Young, Quitman County

“Corn harvesting is getting underway. The yields are good right now. Insects are starting to decrease in the cotton. Fall armyworms are cycling out in the hay and pasture.”

— Stephen Winters, Grenada County

“Corn harvesting is still at full speed. Soybean harvest has been very good with some farmers reporting yields of 70 bushels/acre. Some defoliation was applied to cotton last week, and it's expected to increase this week.”

— Guy Wilson, Washington County

“Producers are busy harvesting corn. They are spending time trying to find a complete field that has low enough moisture to harvest. Insect pressure in cotton fields is low to moderate. Cotton is also maturing at a rapid rate.”

— Otis L. Davis, Madison County

“Insect pressure is present in most soybeans except Group IV’s planted in April. Harvest has begun in early beans. Scattered showers didn't show up this past week, leaving some areas dry, especially pastures. Corn harvest is winding down. Overall, corn yields were good, and above average.”

— Terry Rector, Warren County

“Showers have been few and far between. Corn harvest is progressing with yields appearing average for the county. Hay is in abundant supply with several acres left to be cut.”

— Patrick Poindexter, Alcorn County

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Weather Summary from August 26, 2002 to September 1, 2002 for Mississippi													
District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	90	69	79	78	+1	0.00	-0.58	0	4.58	85	74	77	0.35
Cleveland	90	67	79	79	0	0.00	-0.43	0	3.45				
Tunica	88	67	78	78	0	0.00	-0.56	0	8.26	91	76	84	0.18
Extreme/Average	90	67	79	79	0	0.00	-0.65	0	5.43	91	74	81	0.27
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs				75		0.00	-0.78	0	3.75				0.28
Memphis	90	69	80	79	+1	0.09	-0.61	1	5.20				
Oxford	91	63	78	77	+1	0.05	-0.77	1	4.01				
Extreme/Average	91	63	79	78	+1	0.05	-0.71	1	4.32				0.28
3. Northeast													
Booneville	89	65	78	76	+2	0.00	-0.79	0	1.81				
Corinth				78		0.00	-0.80	0	2.17				
Iuka	89	58	74	75	-1	0.03	-0.87	1	3.43				
Pontotoc	88	65	78	78	0	0.70	-0.09	2	2.10	92	79	84	0.21
Tupelo	89	66	79	78	+1	0.00	-0.66	0	1.40				
Verona	93	67	80	78	+2	0.15	-0.80	1	2.10	92	70	83	0.25
Extreme/Average	93	58	77	78	-1	0.15	-0.61	1	2.17	92	70	83	0.23
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni				79		0.00	-0.56	0	0.04				
Rolling Fork	92	67	80	79	+1	0.05	-0.53	1	1.71	101	82	92	0.24
Stoneville	93	67	80	79	+1	0.18	-0.33	1	2.41	96	79	87	0.25
Yazoo City	92	65	79	80	-1	0.17	-0.52	1	2.05				
Extreme/Average	93	65	80	80	0	0.13	-0.47	1	2.06	101	79	89	0.25
5. Central													
Carthage	90	64	77	79	-2	0.00	-0.78	0	2.13				
Greenwood	92	63	78	80	-2	0.00	-0.58	0	1.49				
Jackson	92	67	80	80	0	0.08	-0.69	1	2.88				
Winona	87	61	75	75	0	0.00	-0.73	0	1.09				
Extreme/Average	92	61	78	79	-1	0.02	-0.73	0	1.90				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville						0.00	-0.82	0	0.57				
Columbus	90	65	79	79	0	0.08	-0.76	1	1.90				
State University				78		0.61	-0.15	1	3.53				0.21
Extreme/Average	90	65	79	78	+1	0.23	-0.53	1	2.00				0.21
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs				80		0.00	-0.93	0	1.51				
Natchez	86	63	74	80	-6	0.35	-0.56	1	2.97				
Oakley	95	65	80	79	+1	0.12	-0.70	1	6.30	92	78	85	
Vicksburg	92	67	80			0.00		0	1.34				
Extreme/Average	95	63	78	80	-2	0.12	-0.72	1	3.03	92	78	85	
8. South-Central													
Columbia				80		0.00	-0.98	0	3.10				
McComb	90	69	80	80	0	0.12	-1.07	1	10.03				
Extreme/Average	90	69	80	80	0	0.06	-0.95	1	6.57				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	94	65	80			0.86		2	2.93				
Hattiesburg	95	68	81	80	+1	0.74	-0.31	2	4.33				
Laurel				79		0.00	-0.93	0	1.23				
Meridian	92	64	79	80	-1	0.02	-0.70	2	1.81				
Newton				78		0.00	-0.84	0	1.65				0.23
Extreme/Average	95	64	80	79	+1	0.32	-0.59	1	2.39				0.23
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	93	68	81	81	0	0.08	-1.25	2	5.99				
BiloxiAFB	91	72	81			0.07		2	7.71				
Gulfport	92	71	81	81	0	0.00	-1.39	0	5.51				
Pascagoula	92	70	80			0.60		3	11.31				
Poplarville	91	67	80	80	0	0.12	-0.93	2	3.43	89	77	83	0.45
Extreme/Average	93	67	81	81	0	0.17	-1.23	2	6.79	89	77	83	0.45
State	95	58	79	79	0	0.13	-0.70	1	3.43	101	70	84	0.26

DFN = Departure from Normal.